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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 AND 1.115

In response to the office action dated August 19, 1998, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks in the above-captioned application:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-17, 21, 24, 26 and 27 without prejudice to raise such claims in a subsequent application. Claims 1-17, 21, 24, 26 and 27 were directed to non-elected subject matter.

Please amend claims 18 and 20 as follows:

B1 18. (Once amended) A purified human SDF-5 polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence [according to] of SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 3.

B2 20. (Once amended) A composition comprising a therapeutic amount of [at least one] the human SDF-5 [polypeptide] protein according to claim 19.